

REMARKS

In response to the election of species requirement, applicants hereby elect to prosecute the invention of embodiment one, as shown in Figs. 1-9, with at least claims 1, 3, 4, 5, 7, 10, 13 17, 18, 19, 20, 29, and 31 reading thereon.

Applicants traverse the Examiner's comment that none of the claims are generic. The present invention is directed to a choke coil apparatus having a coreless coil, and all of the claims depend either directly or indirectly from claim 1. Claims 1, 3, 4, 5, 7, 10, 13, 17, 18, and 31 are generic claims which address all of the disclosed species of the invention. Therefore, the Examiner is incorrect in stating that none of the claims are generic.

Applicants have amended claims 1, 3, 4, 5, 7, 10, 11, 13, 15, 16, 17 18, 19, 20, 22, 23, 24, 26, 29, 30, 31, and 38 for purposes of clarification unrelated to patentability concerns. In addition, applicants have added new claim 39 to better encompass the full scope and breadth of the invention notwithstanding applicants' belief that all of the claims would have been allowable as originally filed. Accordingly, applicants assert that no claims have been narrowed within the meaning of Festo v. Shoketsu.

All of the claims in this case are believed to be in condition for allowance, notice of which is respectfully urged. The Examiner may contact the undersigned by telephone at 703-904-4332 should any issue remain outstanding after entry of this amendment.

The period for response having expired on November 3, 2001, applicants hereby petition for a three month extension of time. The Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account 18-2056 the \$890.00 extension fee plus any deficiency in fees or any additional fees required to enter this amendment and maintain the pendency of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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